

**Sterne Kessler
Goldstein Fox**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Horner
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Timothy J. Shea, Jr
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim

Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Heidi L. Kraus
Eldora L. Ellison
Thomas C. Fiala
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Brian J. Del Buono
Edward Yee
Vincent L. Capuano
Virgil Lee Beaton
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Rae Lynn P. Guest
Daniel A. Klein

Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Gabby L. Longworth
Lori A. Gordon
Ted J. Ebersole
Laura A. Vogel
Bryan S. Wade
Bashir M.S. Ali
Shannon A. Carroll
Matthew E. Kelley
Michelle K. Holoubek

Marsha A. Rose*
W. Blake Coblenz*
James J. Pohl*
John T. Haran*
Mark W. Rygiel

Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Matthew J. Dowd
Katrina Yujian Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
Teresa A. Colella
Victoria S. Rutherford
Simon J. Elliott
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee
Scott M. Woodhouse

Christopher J. Walsh
Liliana Di Nola-Baron
Peter A. Socarras
Jeffrey K. Mills
Danielle L. Letting
Lori Brandes

Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Marvin C. Guthrie

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

May 18, 2006

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 772-8550

INTERNET ADDRESS:

EKESSLER@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 2111

Attn: Mail Stop Appeal Brief

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/715,772; Filed: November 17, 2000
For: **Multi-Thread Peripheral Processing Using Dedicated Peripheral Bus**
Inventors: DENNIS *et al.*
Our Ref: 2222.4210001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$2,660.00 to cover the \$500.00 Appeal Brief fee and the \$2160.00 five month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
3. Brief on Appeal Under 37 C.F.R. §41.37; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

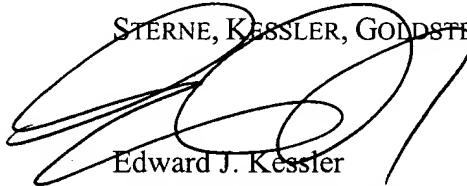
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
May 18, 2006
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Kessler', is written over the firm name.

Edward J. Kessler
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 25,688

EJK/SMB/mjg
Enclosures